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SASA Salutes Senator Goldwater

DCI to Present Award



Senator Goldwater

On 30 July 1985 Senator Barry Goldwater will be honored for his distinguished service in support of the national intelligence endeavor. The occasion will be a testimonial dinner at which he will receive the "William Oliver Baker Award", the SASA Medal of Achievement which will be presented by Mr. William J. Casey, the Director of Central Intelligence.

Senator Goldwater, who has served in the U.S. Senate almost continuously since 1953 has been long known for his staunch support of a strong national defense and the concomitant need for a strong national intelligence endeavor. He recognized that intelligence is the first line of national defense", said his Senate peers recently in commending Senator Goldwater's "unstinting devotion to the national security of the United States." Those accolades, among many others, are recorded in the Senate Resolution 56, of January 31, 1985 which formally recognized Senator Goldwater's distinguished service as a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI), and its predecessor body better known as the Church Committee, since 1975.

Throughout his tenure with the SSCI, serving first as its Vice Chairman (1976-1980) and subsequently, its Chairman (1980-1984), Senator Goldwater played a vital role in enhancing the intelligence capabilities of the United States. It was he who provided the leadership and support crucial to the enactment of much needed legislation in support of U.S. intelligence activities, among which is the statute which now protects the identities of undercover intelligence agents. While Senator Goldwater continues his dedicated service in the U.S. Senate in other capacities, he will be long remembered with deepest admiration and appreciation for his monumental contributions in support of our national intelligence endeavor.

The testimonial dinner in tribute to Senator Goldwater will be held at the Bolling Air Force Base Officers Club, Washington, D.C. Members of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board, the National Foreign Intelligence Board, the Congressional Intelligence Committees and other key military and civilian representatives are being invited to attend the dinner. Invitations to the SASA membership are being sent separately.



*Mr. William Casey
Director, Central Intelligence*